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Cc: Resident Council

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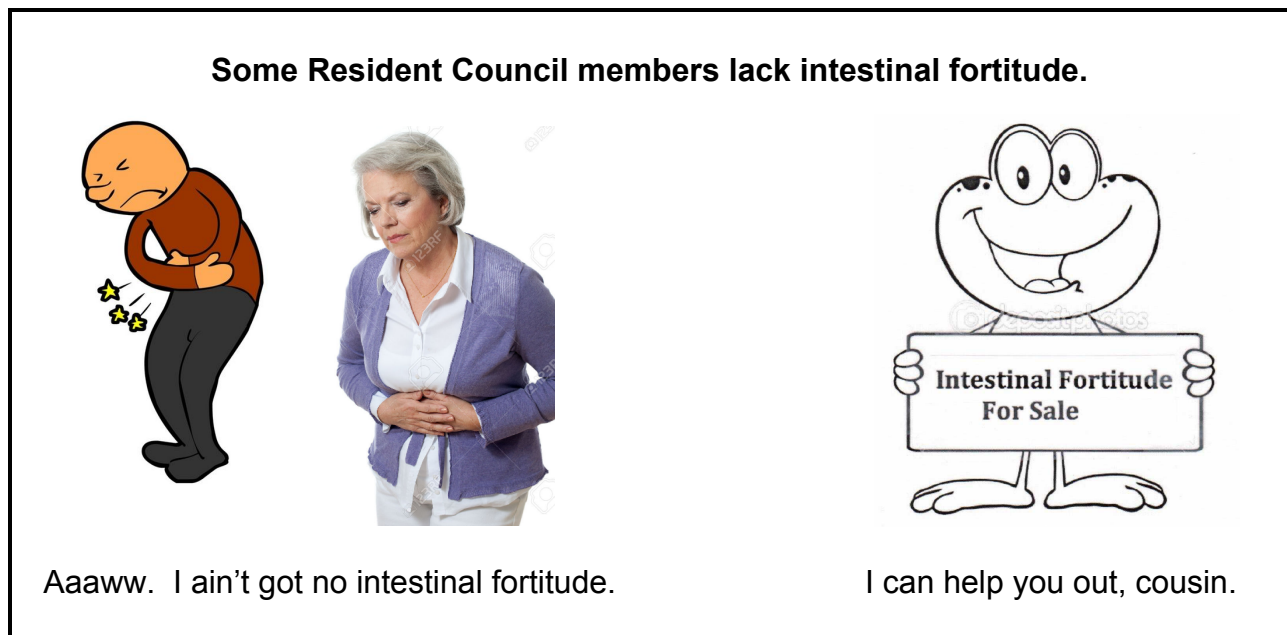
Date: October 6, 2016

Re: **Recent policy regarding walkers and wheelchairs**

Ms Morton:

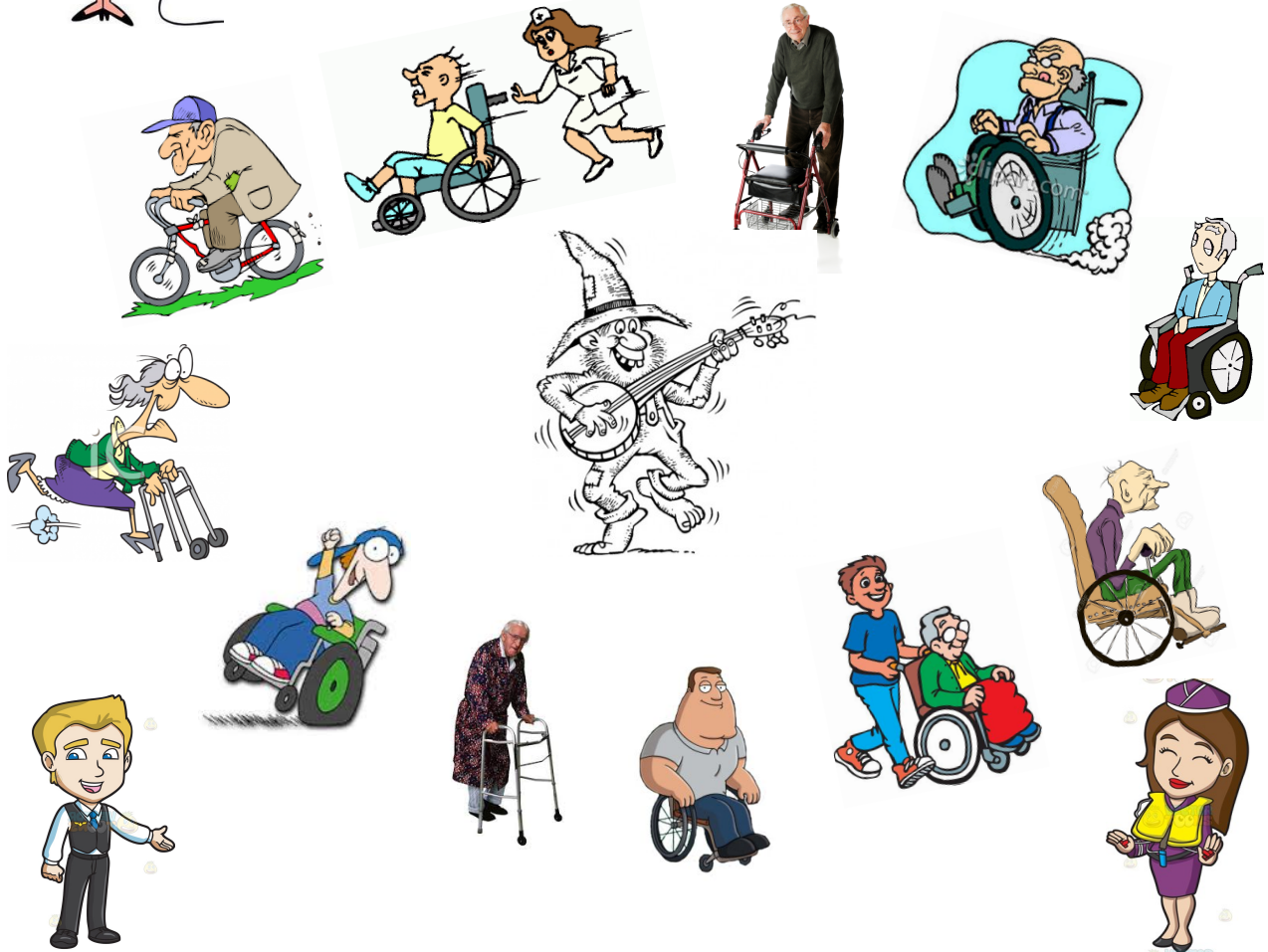
I am puzzled how the how the policy for walkers and wheelchairs can continue. While initially extra staff may be on hand to act as parking attendants, I really doubt that such allocation of resources could continue indefinitely.

Reasonable minds can differ over the definitions of “accommodate.” **It might be wise to ask certain Residents how they feel about the new policy.** Our Resident Council—if it actually represented us—would be involved in this matter. Some Resident Council members lack enough intestinal fortitude to be engaged.



A good argument can be made that Residents ought not have to get permission to use their assisting devices. This is the effect—no matter what you call it.

A cartoon illustration of a woman with voluminous white hair, a large black nose, and a confident expression. She is wearing a red long-sleeved top with a yellow collar and a black skirt. She holds a black microphone in her right hand, with a long cord trailing off to the right. Her left hand is extended outwards. The background is plain white.



An Assistive Device is any device that helps someone do something that he might not otherwise be able to do well or at all. Generally the term is used for devices that help people overcome a handicap such as a mobility, vision, mental, dexterity or hearing loss. **I question whether Brookdale Senior Living has considered this matter carefully and rationally.**

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